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Hon. Victor Marrero
United States District Judge
Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States Courthouse
500 Pearl Street, Room 660
New York, NY 10007

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Re: Sow v. Upchurch, et al.
08 Civ. 3600 (VM)

Dear Judge Marrero:

This Office represents the defendants in the above-captioned matter, in which plaintiffs Halimatou and Ousmane Sow request that the Court issue a writ of mandamus directing the defendants to adjudicate Halimatou Sow's Form I-730 Asylee Relative Petition. Plaintiffs allege that Halimatou Sow filed the I-730 petition in December 2006 and that defendants have unreasonably delayed adjudication of the petition.

United States Citizenship & Immigration Services ("CIS") has informed me that plaintiffs will be scheduled for an interview by the end of this week, which is a necessary step toward adjudication of the petition in question. Accordingly, I respectfully request a sixty day extension, from June 16, 2008, to August 15, 2008, to answer or otherwise respond to the mandamus petition. The extension will give CIS time to adjudicate the I-730 petition, which would render this case moot.

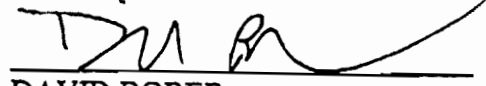
This is the Government's first request for an extension. I have attempted to contact Matthew Harris, counsel for the plaintiffs, to obtain his consent to this request, but have been unable to reach him.

I thank the Court for its consideration of this request.


Respectfully submitted,

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Request GRANTED. The time for respondent to respond or otherwise move with respect to the petition in this action is extended to <u>8-15-08</u> .	
SO ORDERED.	
<u>6-18-08</u> DATE	 VICTOR MARRERO, U.S.D.J.